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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING REQUEST FOR JOINT TRAINING
OPERATION IN HONDURAS: 1ST SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION AND 2ND
AIRBORNE BATTALION

1. Embassy requests the Department to perform a background check on the following Honduran Army units: 1st Special Forces Battalion, La Venta, Department of Francisco Morazan, and 2nd Airborne Battalion, Tamara, Department of Francisco Morazan. Vetting is in support of Special Operations Urban Training 12 Feb - 9 Mar 03.

2. Embassy is performing a background check concurrently on these units.

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